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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I received your letter of 12/4 requesting information about the piece of equipment you viewed the Zapruder slides on, when you visited our research room at College Park. The viewer is a KODAK Ektagraphic, Audio/Viewer/Projector, Model number 460. I do not know if KODAK still produces such a piece of equipment, but you can check their catalog, or contact a local vendor who carries KODAK products.

In your letter you also ask about the reproduction method, size of reproduction it produces, and how the reproduction is triggered, for the Model 460. The Ektagraphic 460 is only a viewer; it does not produce any reproductions of the slides viewed on its screen. You also asked why we chose this piece of equipment, because it does not produce larger images for researchers to see. Of all the options we considered for our research room, the model 460 was the best choice for enlarging 35mm slides to a size that, we believe, meets researchers needs and is a reasonable alternative for use in a public research room setting. We never considered setting up a projection screen in our research room, because of the disruption to other researchers using a screen and projector would cause.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me. For your information, I will be out of the office from December 19th 2001 through January 3rd, 2002.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ed McCarter", written over a horizontal line.

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